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Prime Minister Mario Soares
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Sir:

We have learned from the newspaper that you will pay a state visit to Japan from June 17, 1984.

Deeply concerned at the situation that has prevailed in East Timor since 1975, and at the great loss of life to both Timorese and Indonesians, we sincerely ask that you use the occasion of your state visit to Japan to discuss a peaceful solution to the East Timor conflict with Prime Minister Nakasone. We believe that such a discussion could be timely and fruitful for the following reasons.

We believe that, after nearly nine years of inconclusive armed conflict, the two sides might be ready to meet under UN auspices with a representative of your government to discuss a peaceful solution. We understand that FRETILIN has already expressed its readiness to do this. Knowing that the active support of the international community, including Japan, is necessary to bring the two sides to the conference table, we urge you to request the Japanese government to encourage Indonesia to participate in such three-party peace talks under UN auspices. We believe that this sort of intermediary role would be appropriate for Japan, a country with close ties to Indonesia and a country with an as yet unpaid historical debt to the Timorese people, some 40,000 of whom are believed to have died during the Japanese occupation in World War II.

We understand that your government is obliged by the Portuguese Constitution to promote self-determination for East Timor. We ask you to use your forthcoming visit to this country to further your government's efforts to achieve this goal.

Respectfully,

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